



*Welcome to the Catholic Community of*

# ***SAINT MARK***

## ***THE EVANGELIST***

*A Catholic Community of Caring Since 1981  
Serving Londonderry, Hudson & Windham - New Hampshire*

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*Permanent Deacon*  
*Director of Evangelization*  
*Youth Minister (Middle/High School)*  
*PreK-5 Coordinator/Adult Choir Director*  
*Business Manager / Notary*  
*Music Director*

### **MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday @ 5:00 PM**

**Sunday @ 8:00 AM 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM**

**Monday through Thursday @ 9:00 AM**

***All Masses can be seen on our livestream at  
[stmarksnh.org](http://stmarksnh.org)***

*As sharers of the one baptism & the one Spirit of the Risen Christ, we come together as the Parish Community of St. Mark the Evangelist to proclaim our identity as the People of God.*

*The Eucharist is the center of our life and work together. Through the one bread, we become the one body of Christ, a living sacrifice of praise. In our worship of God, the Author of life and holiness, we proclaim our hope in the life of Christ's Resurrection; we open our hearts and minds to the Spirit of God dwelling in our midst.*

*In our work, together, we seek...*

*to enable our children to grow in the wisdom and knowledge of God; to accompany our young sons and daughters on their journeys of discovery toward adulthood; to deepen our faith commitment through prayer & study; to be present to one another in the joys and sufferings, the victories and struggles of life; to give witness to the Gospel of justice and compassion to our hurting world.*

*We welcome to our parish family all who share our Catholic faith & traditions & our search for God in all things.*

*-Parish Mission Statement*



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**Facebook:** [stmarkslondonderry](https://www.facebook.com/stmarkslondonderry)  
**Flocknote:** [flocknote.com/SMECNH](https://flocknote.com/SMECNH)  
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***From Our Pastor...***

Brothers and Sisters-

The Gospel today begins by telling us that Jesus addressed this parable to those who were ***“convinced of their own righteousness”*** and ***“despised everyone else”***.

In life, it can be very easy to develop a very high opinion of oneself. From the time that we were all kids, we all loved having that ‘positive reinforcement’ for everything that we did. At my childhood home, our fireplace mantle was always packed with sports trophies, medals, and certificates which were constant reminders of how great us kids were. Once we become adults, I think that external ‘positive reinforcement’ becomes more rare...but it is still easy to become self centered and think that the world revolves around us and only us. Sometimes we become blind to those around us, as we are so absorbed in our own world.

In this parable today, Jesus is illustrating for us how dangerous this ‘self-centered’ nature can be. Yes, we are all special and created in God’s image and likeness...but we are NOT the CREATOR. As God’s children we all are striving to be Saints and striving for ‘goodness’; but I hope we can all admit that there are certainly times that we fall short. The reality is, however, is that it is not easy to truly take a critical view of ourselves...we want everyone on the outside to know how perfect and good we are. Day after day we try to convince ourselves that we are not the problem...everyone else is!

When we take a look at scripture, we notice that a constant theme in our faith is ‘humility’. Jesus humbled Himself by accepting death on a cross (Philippians 2:8)...and in today’s Gospel,

*“But the tax collector stood off at a distance  
and would not even raise his eyes to heaven  
but beat his breast and prayed,  
‘O God, be merciful to me a sinner.’”*

When we come to terms with our own weakness and humanity, how much easier is it for us to see the other. We realize that we are all part of one family, encouraging one another to become more holy, more caring, and more loving. We are all part of the created human family working together in love and peace to give all glory to God.

Always in Christ,

Fr Mike

**Stockings for Soldiers - Support the Troops!**

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas... St. Mark's will once again be filling Holiday stockings for our troops overseas and for veterans in need. The program is sponsored by operation Care for Troops and the St. Mark's Outreach Committee. **Filled Stockings must be returned by Monday, November 7.** *If you would like to help offset the shipping cost, please use the envelope 'Donation Stockings for Troops'.* Thank you!

**St. Mark's Gala - Still Need Tickets??**

The St. Mark's 40th Anniversary Gala will be celebrated on **Friday, November 4 from 5:30PM - 10:30PM.** **Tickets will still be on sale at the Parish Office, 603-432-8711!** We have some cool raffles coming in!! look forward to fellowship and dancing to celebrate our community!

**Daily Mass / Adoration - October 25**

Adoration will be from **9:30AM - 3:30PM on Tuesday, October 25.** However, there will not be Daily Mass, as Fr. Mike will be away on retreat. Please keep Fr. and all priests in prayer.

**Book of Remembrance**

The book of Remembrance is located in the entrance of the church for you to enter a loved one's name. These individuals will be remembered on **All Souls Day, Wednesday November 2** and throughout the month. The book will reside on the altar for all of November.

**Christmas Choirs - Mark your Calendars!**

Join us on **Tuesday, November 15th @ 6:30PM** in the Choir Room for our first Adult Christmas Choir rehearsal. This group will sing at the 5:15PM Mass on Christmas Eve.

Join us on **Sunday, November 20th @ 4PM** in the church for our first Youth Christmas Choir rehearsal. This group will sing at the 4:00PM Mass on Christmas Eve.

No experience necessary! All are welcome! Questions? Email Amanda @ [amanda@stmarksnh.org](mailto:amanda@stmarksnh.org) or sign-up in the Welcome Center!!

**Genesis to Jesus - Starts Monday!!**

Join us for a twelve part Bible Study where we will discover the basic Catholic principles for reading Sacred Scripture. We will survey the principal covenants that God made with his people through Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, and David. This study will show how each of these covenants points forward to - and is fulfilled by - Jesus Christ and His Church! To register, call the Parish Office!

**All Saints Day - Tuesday, November 1**

We will celebrate Mass at 9AM and 7PM.

**All Souls Day - Wednesday, November 2**

We will celebrate Mass at 9AM. A Mass of remembrance will be celebrated at 7PM - We have invited family and friends of St. Marks parishioners who have returned home to the Lord in the past year. We invite you to join us as we remember them in prayer.

**K of C Christmas Tree Sale**

The Knights of Columbus Annual Christmas Tree sale **begins November 25!!!!** You can find these awesome trees at Chuck's BP gas station at the corner of Rte 102 and Mammoth Road in Londonderry. Support the Knights!! Visit them early for the best selections!!

**This Week @ St. Mark's!!**

**Sunday, October 23:**

10:30 AM St. Marks KIDS/EDGE/Life Teen

**Monday, October 24:**

9:00AM Daily Mass

6:00PM Genesis to Jesus - Parish Hall

**Tuesday, October 25:**

9:30 - 3:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration

9:30 AM Genesis to Jesus - Parish Hall

6:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

~ No Daily Mass ~

**Wednesday, October 26:**

9:00AM Daily Mass

**Thursday, October 27:**

9:00AM Daily Mass

9:30AM Weekday Witness

**Saturday, October 29:**

9:30 AM Al Anon



## Operation Care for Troops - Stockings for Troops Drive

**Filled Stockings must be returned to St. Mark's by Monday, November 7**



If you wish to help with the Holiday Stockings for the troops, **there are several ways:**

1. Fill one or more stockings (see the directions below)
2. Donate items used to fill the stockings and/or requested items below. Do not add any extra requested items to the stockings! OCT wants all stockings to contain listed items only!
3. Write cards/letters to the troops. Drawings from younger family members are great too.
4. Knit scarves 4" by 36" for the troops. All colors are fine. However, lighter colors are not as easy to keep clean - navy, dark greens, browns, dark blues, etc. Please include instructions for washing! We need about 1200-1500 scarves!
5. Donations to help defray shipping costs. Each package costs \$20 to ship! Please use envelope marked **'Donation Stockings for Troops'**

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### **To Fill a Stocking: Place into the stocking in the order below from toe to top:**

- Small can of baked beans OR Small flip top canned fruit OR chicken Vienna sausages
- Socks - 1 pair white socks – a good pair makes a difference
- Gum - 1 or 2 packs (placed in snack zip lock or rest of items will have a "gum" taste)
- Individual pack of tissues - 1 or 2
- Individual Drink mix 5 minimum; (Energy or hydration, if possible) remove from box & place in snack size zip lock.
- Protein Bars/granola bars - 3 (in a sandwich Ziplock (requested are bars with high protein)...2 bars are better than 3 with low protein!
- 2 individual packages hot cocoa/ 2 individual packages oatmeal (all in a sandwich zip lock) OR some other breakfast item (that only takes hot water to complete) in a sandwich ziplock.
- Dental kit - toothbrush, travel size paste, floss &/or lip balm without petroleum; all in a Quart-size ziplock.
- Ramen Noodles package - cups are too big!!
- Trail Mix, Dried Cranberries or similar items.....Individual size 1 to 2
- Fun Item - beach ball; stress ball, one game or other item such as card game; dice game; small notebook & pen; small ball; nail clippers; nail file.
- Most importantly, write an encouraging card or short letter of cheer to the happy service person who's going to get this stocking. It's especially tough for them to be away from family and friends during the Holiday season. Put this in your stocking with all the goodies!!
- Please put your **filled stocking in** the plastic bag provided. Close plastic bag with string or a twister seal.

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### **Other requested Items: Do Not put these items in stocking**

Lotion with Aloe Vera  
Medicated Body Powder i.e., Gold Bond  
Foot Powder i.e., Gold Bond, Dr. Scholl's, Odor Eaters)  
Trail Mix/granola - small packages (no more than 5 to 6oz)  
Sunflower seeds - small packages

For more information about "Operation Care for Troops" visit [www.octnh.org](http://www.octnh.org)

**Any questions: Contact Dianne Zdankiewicz @ [dianne.zdankiewicz@gmail.com](mailto:dianne.zdankiewicz@gmail.com) / (h) 603-434-7991 / (c) 603-818-2705**

**Thank you and God Bless our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines**

**Sacrificial Giving  
Week of 10/12/2022 - 10/18/2022**

Regular Offertory:	\$ 4,102.00
WeShare:	\$ 7,334.06
Improvement	\$ 200.00

**Total: \$ 11,636.60**

*(Parish Budget: \$12,000 per week)*

**Mass Intentions for Oct 22 - Oct 30, 2022**

**10/22 Saturday, 5 PM:**

Matthew Pedley by K of C 10488

**10/23 Sunday, 8 AM:**

Dorothy Maxwell by her family

**10/23 Sunday, 9:30 AM:**

James Barrett by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Wilcox

**10/23 Sunday, 11 AM:**

Camille L. Lynch by Mary Y. Lynch

**10/24 Monday, 9 AM:**

Paul Remillard & Catherine Merlino

**10/25 Tuesday, 9 AM:**

No Daily Mass

**10/26 Wednesday, 9 AM:**

Edward J. Humora by Dan & Anne Emerson

**10/27 Thursday, 9 AM:**

Marge Ignelzi by Bob & Sheila Oliver

**10/29 Saturday, 5 PM:**

Mary Gleason by her daughter

**10/30 Sunday, 8 AM:**

Bernabe Jaramillo by Norm & Diane Ducas

**10/30 Sunday, 9:30 AM:**

Mark Schaefer

**10/30 Sunday, 11 AM:**

Mini Kurr by Sam & Mary Ann Boldeia

**Parish Contact Information**

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Finance Council	Andy MacWilliam
Prayer Line	Nancy Conner (603) 566-2357
Safe Environment	Lisa Olsen (603) 432-8711
Al-Anon	Saturdays, 9:30 - 11 AM
Knights of Columbus	www.KofC.org/joinus
Birthingright	(603) 434-3000
Pennacook Pregnancy Center	(603) 206-5306
NH Catholic Charities, Nashua	(603) 889-9431

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Parents are asked to participate in the baptismal catechesis program prior to their child's baptism.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday 3:30-4:30 PM or by appointment.

**Sacrament of Marriage**

Couples should contact the parish office at least six months in advance and before making any other wedding arrangements.

**Sacrament of the Sick**

Please call us to request the Sacrament of the Sick or to receive communion in the home.

**Eucharistic Adoration**

Tuesdays, 9:30 AM-3:30 PM / First Fridays 8 - 9 PM